

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A washing machine, ~~comprising: comprising:~~
_____ a laundry tub in which laundry is put; and
an ion eluting portion ~~ion-eluting means~~ for eluting metal ions and adding the eluted
metal ions to water; ~~adding them to water;~~
a sensing portion ~~wherein the following are further included: sensing means~~ for sensing
imbalance at the time of rotation of the laundry tub; and
~~imbalance-correcting means for,~~ in a case where imbalance in the laundry tub is sensed
by the sensing portion ~~sensing means~~ at the time of spin-drying rotation of the laundry tub
performed after metal ion added water supplied from the ion eluting portion ~~eluting means~~ to the
laundry tub is supplied,
_____ the imbalance correcting portion performs a second processing ~~correcting the imbalance~~
~~by performing an imbalance-correcting processing different from a first processing a processing~~
performed when imbalance is sensed in a case where the metal ion added water is not supplied,
and
_____ the second processing is balance correction rinsing in which the metal ion added water is
supplied to the laundry tub and agitation is performed.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A washing machine according to claim 1 ~~according to claim~~
2,

wherein the imbalance correcting portion ~~correcting means~~ sets an amount of supply of the metal ion added water to the laundry tub in the balance correction rinsing so as to be smaller than an amount of supply of the metal ion added water in a preceding operation.

4. (Currently Amended) A washing machine according to claim 1 ~~according to claim 2~~,

wherein the imbalance correcting portion ~~correcting means~~ sets an amount of supply of the metal ion added water to the laundry tub in the balance correction rinsing so as to be smaller than an amount of supply of the metal ion added water in a preceding operation.

5. (Currently Amended) A washing machine according to claim 1,
wherein the laundry tub is a drum disposed so that a rotation axis thereof is slanted at an angle ~~at an angle~~-with respect to a vertical direction.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A washing machine according to claim 3,
wherein the laundry tub is a drum disposed so that a rotation axis thereof is slanted at an angle ~~at an angle~~-with respect to a vertical direction.

8. (Currently Amended) A washing machine according to claim 4,
wherein the laundry tub is a drum disposed so that a rotation axis thereof is slanted at an angle ~~at an angle~~-with respect to a vertical direction.

9. (New) A washing machine according to claim 1,
wherein the first processing is balance correction rinsing in which water having no metal ion added thereto is supplied to the laundry tub and agitation is performed.

10. (New) A washing machine according to claim 1, wherein
when the sensing portion detects imbalance in the laundry tub at the time of spin-drying rotation of the laundry tub performed after the metal ion added water supplied from the ion eluting portion to the laundry tub is supplies,

the imbalance correcting portion performs imbalance correction by agitation without the metal ion added water being supplied, and

when the sensing portion detects imbalance in the laundry tub at the time of spin-drying rotation performed thereafter, the imbalance correcting portion performs the second processing.